

Funds will be used for green jobs training

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Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) announced that San Joaquin County's YouthBuild will receive a \$70,000 grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, commonly referred to as the stimulus package. These funds are being allocated by the Department of Labor and will be used to expand curriculum for YouthBuild's green job training programs.

"I'm very pleased that San Joaquin County's YouthBuild will receive a \$70,000 grant," said Rep. McNerney. "Green job training programs are an important investment in the future of our young people and in our local economy. During these tough economic times, it's more important than ever that our youth have the resources they need to find jobs."

Sheilah Goulart, Coordinator, YouthBuild San Joaquin joined the Congressman in recognizing the importance of this grant.

"YouthBuild San Joaquin is thrilled to receive this grant, particularly because our focus this year is on green technology training programs," said Ms. Goulart. "These funds will allow us to expand our green jobs training curriculum and help our area's young people prepare for new job opportunities."

The San Joaquin County Office of Education's YouthBuild program assists out-of-school youth in obtaining their diplomas or GEDs while providing occupational training in the construction industry. YouthBuild places an emphasis on leadership skills through community service and helps its participants to find apprenticeships and jobs after graduating from the program.